

**From:** Campagnolo, Donna P  
**To:** Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Cox, Sophia; Hutchings, Pamela G; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D  
**Subject:** RE: I-192  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 11:01:20 AM  
**Attachments:** 192 eo option.docx

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All: Thanks so much for the great discussion this morning. Attached is the updated version.

Thanks again.

Donna Campagnolo  
HQ Service Center Operations

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**From:** Moran, Karla  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Cox, Sophia; Campagnolo, Donna P; Hutchings, Pamela G; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D  
**Subject:** RE: I-192

We (SCOPS) voted for the I-192. It's cleaner for us to implement and CBP will not have issues if they need to ER the person. The I-192 will provide them with an I-797 that is a Transportation Letter (draft language attached). They would need to provide a valid passport and visa to enter and be inspected. On the other hand, if we issue a parole – CBP is worried that if issues arise, they may try to say they have a parole.

Also, while e-verify isn't related to admission, we added it because the Fortune 500 companies are asking to vouch for their employees (e.g. Microsoft, Amazon, Google, etc.). This would ensure that we are only accepting letters from legitimate businesses that have been vetted. We thought it would be good to leave in but completely understand if it's taken out somewhere along the process, as many are reviewing.

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Cox, Sophia; Campagnolo, Donna P; Hutchings, Pamela G; Moran, Karla; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D  
**Subject:** RE: I-192

Overall the paper looks very good. Thanks to everyone for pulling it together so quickly.

The e-verify requirement would purely be a policy call. I don't see the nexus between e-verify use and a national interest determination related to admission so I would advocate for removing it.

I agree that adding work to VSC is problematic so if we could do I-192s elsewhere that would be better. We also need to validate the 18000 volume estimate as I don't know who provided it or how it was calculated.

If we believe the I-131 is better we should explain why.

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**From:** Cox, Sophia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 9:30:03 AM  
**To:** Campagnolo, Donna P; Hutchings, Pamela G; Moran, Karla; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: I-192

Adding Ron.

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**To:** Campagnolo, Donna P; Hutchings, Pamela G; Moran, Karla; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: I-192  
**Importance:** High

Hi. Here are my concerns in the attached. Look forward to discussing.

- Why are we requiring E-Verify? Are we being told it is a requirement from the FO/Dept. or are we imposing it on ourselves? [REDACTED]
- If the I-192 is denied, what would be the legal basis for the removal charge be?
- I know VSC already does the I-192s for the victims relate work, but this will coincide with cap where the contractors will already be knee deep in data entry. Recommend moving this elsewhere.

*Sophia Cox*  
Senior Advisor, Policy

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**From:** Campagnolo, Donna P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** Hutchings, Pamela G; Moran, Karla; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Cox, Sophia  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: I-192

Good morning Pam. Thanks so much for the feedback. It's for folks inside the US. We can certainly make that more clear.

Regarding the timeframe, as I understand it from Leslie, the major piece for start up is around the system updates. Leslie- please confirm. I don't know that those can be cut down.

All- If the system update timeframe ends up being too long, does the team have any ideas on what we can do without those in place for this? Also, if not 30 days for a processing time, what would you recommend?

Thanks again.  
Donna

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**From:** Hutchings, Pamela G  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017 7:49:49 AM  
**To:** Campagnolo, Donna P; Moran, Karla; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Cox, Sophia  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: I-192

Good morning, All,

The opening paragraph seems to imply this form/process may be used for those visa holders currently "stuck" outside the U.S., is that correct? Otherwise the process proposed is manageable for USCIS to implement – in the long term. If this is simply a short term fix, required for a small number of affected individuals during this 80 day period, then a 45 day startup and 30 day processing time doesn't seem to meet their immediate needs.

Pam

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**From:** Campagnolo, Donna P  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 9:13 PM  
**To:** Moran, Karla; McCament, James W; Arroyo, Susan K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Cox, Sophia  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: I-192

Hi all and thanks so much Karla. The I-192 version looks great.

I have been working on the 131 version, and because so much of that is similar to what we note about the I-192 processing, I decided to merge both options into one document and added some background to give some context. Take a look and let me know what you think about that approach.

Bottom line is it looks like we could implement either option in about 45 days as the system updates to notices and filing look minimal and simple web updates. Can you verify those timelines? Also, do we want to go as far as to make a recommendation on which we think is the right one to implement or simply present both?

Thanks again. Looking forward to your feedback. Have a good night and looking forward to meeting in the morning.

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**From:** Moran, Karla  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 5:44 PM  
**To:** McCament, James W; Campagnolo, Donna P; Arroyo, Susan K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Hope, Leslie K; McConnell, James E; Sabga, George M; Cox, Sophia  
**Subject:** I-192

All,

This is the latest draft version, we've updated with "business" and "student" criteria. Please feel free to edit.

Donna is working on a separate draft for paroles. We will discuss in the morning as these are both due by noon tomorrow.

Thanks,

*Karla Moran*  
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**From:** Campagnolo, Donna P  
**To:** McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Sabga, George M  
**Cc:** Arroyo, Susan K; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US  
**Date:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:26:34 PM

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Thanks. Makes sense. We are all in the same boat – it's just determining where the agency want to pull the resources from and make the system modifications to do this if required.

Donna Campagnolo  
HQ Service Center Operations

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**From:** McCament, James W  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:44 PM  
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**Cc:** Arroyo, Susan K; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** FW: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

FYI FODs response.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:36:05 PM  
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**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna; Cowan, Robert M; Robinson, Terri A; Hoefer, Michael D  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

I know that FOD can put together a process either with or without interviews. Requiring interviews will be a challenge specifically with respect to technology. While we have C3 LAN at NBC and the field has access to the NBC LAN via ICMS, the I-192 is supported, I believe by C3, but is not currently supported by ICMS. So we can't update and I-192 in C3 from the field using ICMS. That would likely

need to change. We'd have to also see if NASS or the C3/C4 scheduler can accommodate I-192 scheduling or these would need to be scheduled manually.

There would be impact on the NBC and on I-485 and/or N-400 cycle times. Do we have an estimated volume of multiple-entry visa holders from these countries who are in the US?

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Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate  
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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 12:49 PM  
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**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Our folks are now looking at the I-192 option, but if an interview is required that would seem to move this in FOD's direction. To be candid, we were beginning to think even the I-131 might go that way if these are truly urgent cases - consistent with how AP is handled now in urgent situations.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 12:41:19 PM  
**To:** Busch, Philip B; Scialabba, Lori L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

And we just heard from CBP that at the staff level they are recommending to leadership that adjudication of a waiver require an interview, so a form based process may not be sufficient. Just FYI as we contemplate how we may implement if necessary.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Thanks, Molly. One clarification, it is a USCIS form but the instructions say file it with CBP unless it's a T or U situation. But as you note CBP says they don't actually use it as broadly as the instructions suggest - the applicant is supposed to file it at a designated port, and the only ports CBP has designated for that are along the Northern Border.

Philip B. Busch  
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**From:** Groom, Molly M

**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 12:26 PM

**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M

**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P;

Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna; Busch, Philip B

**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

We've been discussing how a waiver process could work be established legally with OGC and CBP and I am copying what Phil sent to start the conversation. In sum, we suggest using the Form I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant. It does look to inadmissibility rather than entry but comes closer to the intended purpose than any of the forms we regularly adjudicate. It is a CBP form and they use it on the Northern border for Canadians. We are told DOS uses it. USCIS does use it for certain Ts and Us. CBP is naturally a bit resistant, but it seems to be a promising way forward in light of the legal analysis below from our SME's.

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We've identified a very promising existing avenue to consider the waiver with respect to those with valid nonimmigrant visas in the United States – the Form I-192, which is even called, "Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant." While not exact, since it talks about INA inadmissibility, it is extremely close – in fact, at p. 5 of the instructions it asks those inadmissible on foreign policy or national security grounds to provide a written detailed statement under penalty of perjury about why they should be admitted, which seems like a good fit with asking for a justification for the national interest waiver. Except for those seeking T or U nonimmigrant status, who file I-192 with us, it is filed with CBP with a \$585 fee.

Stepping back from that particular form and process, here are some more general comments from our SMEs about regulatory implementation issues regarding the contemplated waiver:

Executive Order 13769, section 3, paragraph (g), states, "Notwithstanding a suspension pursuant to subsection (c) of this section or pursuant to a Presidential proclamation described in subsection (e) of this section, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security may, on a case-by-case basis, and when in the national interest, issue visas or other immigration benefits to nationals of countries for which visas and benefits are otherwise blocked."

At this point, USCIS does not understand what information should be obtained, the level of review required or the process for determining when it is "in the national interest" to waive the

requirements of section 3 under this the provision.

If the established process requires the collection of information, asking questions, or filling out a form for more than 9 individuals then that collection would be subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). See 44 U.S.C. § 3502; 5 C.F.R. § 1320.3(c), which covers, "the obtaining, causing to be obtained, soliciting, or requiring the disclosure to an agency, third parties or the public of information by or for an agency by means of identical questions posed to, or identical reporting, recordkeeping, or disclosure requirements imposed on, ten or more persons, whether such collection of information is mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain a benefit."

Any new questionnaire or form, even if completed during a verbal interview, requires a 60-day notice under 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1) and a 30-day notice under 5 CFR 1320.10(a). OMB may be requested to approve the process as an emergency approval under 5 CFR 1320.13 if the new collection is needed because it is essential to the mission of the agency, the agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures, public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed, an unanticipated event has occurred, or a statutory or court ordered deadline to be missed. OMB will usually approve an emergency request in 30 days. The problem with an emergency approval is that OMB only approves the collection of information for a maximum of 90 days. However, section 3(c), states that it applies to, "such persons for 90 days from the date of this order." Thus, an emergency request under 5 CFR 1320.13 may be appropriate if we decide that a new collection is necessary.

If a new form is required or provides a list of questions for the officer to ask the individuals either verbally or manually, then the PRA applies. The PRA may not apply if there is already a process or form that very closely fits what is necessary that can be easily adapted without change to the 3(g) waiver process. The PRA may also not apply if the process is left to officer discretion, no standard questions will be asked, or if the waiver can be requested with a simple request that only identifies the individual, and the waiver can be approved with only a review of the applicable individual's file and current information on hand.

In addition, if the individuals who desire a waiver under section 3(g) are asked questions that impose a new standard or implicate a substantive right, then those questions may violate the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and DHS would have to engage in notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553 to ask them.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna; Groom, Molly M  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

O.k. Really.adding Molly now.

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 10:41:44 AM

**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

We are looking at whether the I-131 process could be modified to support this. It may be very difficult to make the systems changes needed to support issuance of an I-797 rather than the I-512 or RP/RTD. I'm wondering if alternatively we could issue an actual advance parole document (I-512) with the understanding that CBP would instead admit them with their NIV if otherwise admissible. We are looking at that option as well.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 9:22:46 AM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Ruppel, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

You guys need to start thinking about how we can adjudicate these national interest waivers here in the U.S. For anyone wanting to travel abroad with a multiple entry visa.

1. How do we do it and what are the guidelines?
2. where do we put the information so CBP can see it when the person returns or what document can we give them that shows they got a waiver.

I'm still fighting this but in the event we are ordered to do it you need to be thinking about how it would happen.

Lori

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 9:14:01 AM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Neither can I.

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 9:12:34 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

I cannot think of a benefit that we adjudicate domestically that requires a valid immigrant or nonimmigrant visa.

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Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

I'm still saying NO. This is just going to tick off the judge when he figures out DOJ made this up at the last minute so they could put it into their brief. We don't have a process in place and I can't make one up fast enough with no time to think it through.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 8:55:31 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Can I come see you? DOJ is really pushing for our answer.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 8:21:09 AM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Wait, DOS reversed the 1/27 revocation? Did the court order that? ANd I see your point but doesn't it also apply to the waiver we are promising to valid visa holders? If the TRO is lifted they are no longer valid visa holders.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 8:08:23 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

This part isn't about the waiver, but whether USCIS used the Jan 27 DOS revocation in adjudicating anything. Since it is forward looking it seems we could be okay. But then again they've reversed the Jan 27 revocation so how could we apply that revocation going forward? And if TRO is lifted a new revocation will come out. So it could be misleading. Frankly I don't think this language gets us where DOJ wants us to be- but in the timeframe given I don't know whether we could get there since folks are running down cases.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 7:58:31 AM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W

**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

So Phil is saying the waiver section says if you have a valid multiple entry visa we'll consider a waiver when the last paragraph says DOS revoked the visas. So how does anyone have a valid visa to apply for a waiver. Is that the point?

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 7:46:33 AM  
**To:** Busch, Philip B; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Lori,

They need to know if you are ok with the second part of the statement relating to the DOS revocations. I've reattached it here. [REDACTED]

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Phil points out that the second part of the statement [REDACTED]

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 6:45:35 AM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Well said. [REDACTED]

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Phil

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**From:** Groom, Molly M

**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 2:12:00 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Here is what I sent.

Joe,

I connected with Lori and she is concerned with agreeing to such a statement. S

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Thanks for

considering.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:39 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

As soon as I transmit your concerns I am going to bed. Thanks very much. I will be in touch after 7.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:32 AM

**To:** Groom, Molly M; Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

Well I appreciate yours too. Like I said trying to solve this on the spur of the moment is foolish. Happy to be on the call whenever they have it. Assuming it's not before 7:00 am when I'll check emails again.

Go to bed Molly.

Lori

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:25:01 AM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

I will pass on that you are not on board and will synthesize your concerns. I understand from other emails you are copied on that they will likely call a meeting early tomorrow morning. If it matters, I think you are doing the right thing and I share your concerns. Perhaps with more discussion with DO, we can find another way forward on the litigation front. I appreciate your attention late this evening/this morning.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 1:21 AM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B  
**Cc:** Renaud, Daniel M; McCament, James W; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

I'm not o.k. With this. This proposal has so many problems and issues that I can see just off the top of my head that I'm sure it would be a disaster.

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No, I'm not o.k. With this. Making policy based on litigation has always gotten us into more trouble than it's been worth and its never an assurance of winning the litigation either. And trying to develop a policy on a Sunday night without thinking through what we are doing is reckless and foolish.

Lori

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2017 10:53:31 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B  
**Subject:** FW: The 2 issues re individuals inside US

I just got off a call where Joe requested that you consider signing off on this statement. OCC edited to make it as palatable as possible.

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[REDACTED] Let me know if you want to discuss. They are hoping to hear from you tonight.

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**From:** Maher, Joseph  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 05, 2017 10:16 PM  
**To:** Davis, Mike P; COUREY, MARC BENNETT (OCC); Groom, Molly M; KOLLER, JULIE (OCC); Baroukh, Nader; Busch, Philip B; Falcone, Michael  
**Cc:** FALK, SCOTT K (OCC); Kelliher, Brian; Browne, Rene; Palmer, David  
**Subject:** The 2 issues re individuals inside US

As discussed, attached is a revised version. Please let me know as soon as possible the reaction from principals.

Joe

Joseph B. Maher  
Acting General Counsel  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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**Subject:** RE: EO Hold  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2017 2:34:52 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Hi. Per our conversation a little bit ago, here are some high level questions I got from folks for the Department to answer. I hope this is along the lines of what you are looking for. I didn't include the questions I sent you yesterday but if any of them need to be included let me know and I will put them back in.

1. Part of the uniform screening standard is to include "Amended application forms that include questions aimed at identifying fraudulent answers and malicious intent"
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- a. Data to be collected
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FYI and in case you find this helpful, Pam sent me the numbers of FB/EB visas that were allocated to applicants from the applicable countries for FY-2017.

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I will go through all the EO's in more detail to see if there are other things that might impact us.

--Sophia

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**To:** Arroyo, Susan K; Cox, Sophia; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Sabga, George M  
**Subject:** EO Hold

At the recently concluded leadership meeting we learned that the processing hold we put in place over the weekend will be lifted. All messaging must now be cleared through the Department, so we cannot communicate this in writing to the troops. However, I wanted you to know that so we don't waste time formulating questions about the hold or working on strategies to ensure compliance. I

expect that the final guidance may be more nuanced on the processing of parole requests, but otherwise we are expecting to lift the hold on adjustments and other form types. Please do not share this further in light of the messaging restrictions. We hope to have formal cleared language later today or tomorrow.

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**Cc:** McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia  
**Subject:** Friday's EO  
**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:07:25 AM

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One more thing, the suspension does not apply to this suspension of entry does not apply to those foreign nationals traveling on A-1, A-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO, C-2 or diplomatic type visas, or to issuance of visas in those categories. Do we adjudicate anything related to those visa categories at the centers?

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**Subject:** Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions  
**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:34:36 AM

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Center Directors and Deputies,

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry of immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

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We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures in the coming days.

Please ensure this guidance is conveyed as soon as possible to all appropriate employees and get back to us with any questions. Also, please reply to let me know each center has received this message.

Thanks,

Don

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**To:** [Moran, Karla](#)  
**Cc:** [McCament, James W](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Executive Order  
**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:51:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [Executive Order PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - 01272017.docx](#)

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Lori

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For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

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I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing: I just need the list

of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L  
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I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad I'll ask.

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**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L  
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Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM  
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**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
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I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews

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**To:** Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
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FYI. . think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L  
**Subject:** Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We just need to clarify

If by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

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**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 5:47 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Section	Actor(s)	Action	Purpose	Timeline	Notes	Questions/Comments
3b	DHS	Report	Information identified in review under 3a	30 days from Jan 27	Report to President Copy to DOS/DNI	
3c	DHS/DOS	Suspend	Admission of immigrants and nonimmigrants from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya	For 90 days from Jan 27	Exclusions: Diplomatic and NATO visas C-2 travel visas (UN) G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are the following forms impacted N-400s, N-336, I-601A, I-131, I-765, N-565, I-130, ...?</li> <li>2. Should we reschedule oath ceremonies for individuals from the 7?</li> <li>3. How do we handle N-400s 120+ days from interview?</li> <li>4. Should we stop RFEs?</li> <li>5. Should we stop scheduling interviews?</li> <li>6. What about change of status from other NIV categories to NATO visas, C-2 travel visas (UN) and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas?</li> <li>7. What about change of status for NIVs for these countries?</li> </ol>
3d	DOS	Request	Secretary shall request all foreign governments that do not supply information identified in 3a review to provide such information.	Immediately following report in 3b	Foreign governments will be given 60 days to begin providing information	
3e	DHS In consultation with DOS	Recommendation	Recommend countries whose foreign nationals would be prohibited entry to the United States due to the country's failure to provide information requested by the U.S. as described in 3d	After 60 day period outlined in 3d	Exclusions: Diplomatic and NATO visas C-2 travel visas (UN) G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas  *Exception: DHS and DOS may on a case-by-case and when in national interest, issue visas or other immigration benefits to nationals of countries for which visas and benefits are otherwise blocked.	
3f	DHS or DOS	Recommendation	Add countries to list of those whose nationals are prohibited from entering the U.S. due to failure to provide information as requested by the U.S. (3d)	After submission of list Indefinite		
3h	DHS and DOS	Joint Report	Report progress implementing Order	30 days 60 days		

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate  
Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** Higgins, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Subject:** FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but [REDACTED]

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**From:** Davidson, Andrew J  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Cc:** Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L  
**Subject:** Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We just need to clarify

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If by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

Andrew Davidson  
Acting Deputy Associate Director

Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Cox, Sophia  
**To:** Campagnolo, Donna P; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D  
**Cc:** McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's EO  
**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:01 17 PM

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Hi. I just finished reading the whole EO. Section 3c, which suspends the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry, refers to those described in INA 217(a)(2). As far as I can tell, only Iraq and Syria are mentioned in this statutory provision. Are other countries affected or just Iraq and Syria? I couldn't find reference to any other countries anywhere else, so wanted to be sure I wasn't missing anything.

Regarding EAD categories that would include those in INA 217(a)(2), we have:

- (c)(1) For the dependents of A-1 and A-2 government officials.
  - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
  - Requires favorable DOS endorsement;
  - DOS sends only the favorably endorsed applications to NSC.
- (c)(4) For the dependents of G-1, G-3, or G-4 (I think this includes NATO and at the US Mission to the UN, too).
  - These are adjudicated at the NSC.
  - Requires favorable DOS endorsement.
  - DOS sends only the favorably endorsed applications to NSC.

There are some special immigrant categories applicable to As, Gs, and NATO. The I-360 is filed with Dallas and Phoenix LB and the I-485 is filed with Phoenix LB. I am thinking that NSC adjudicates these, but it would be best to confirm.

- I Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(I) who meet certain residence and physical presence requirements. Includes:
  - Unmarried sons/daughters of an officer or employee, or a former officer or employee of an international organization described in INA 101(a)(15)(G)(i).
  - Surviving spouses of deceased officers or employees of international organizations described in INA

101(a)(15)(G)(i).

- Retired officers and employees of international organizations.
- Following to join/accompanying spouse of a retired officer or employee who was granted special immigrant status as a retired officer or employee of an international organization.
- L Special Immigrants (INA 101(a)(27)(L) who meet certain residence and physical presence requirements. Looks like this covers NATO and the same categories of persons described in 101(a)(27)(I).

This is all I can think of for now. If I come up with anything else, I will send it forward.

--Sophia

*Sophia Cox*

Senior Advisor, Policy  
Service Center Operations

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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Washington, D.C. 20529

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**From:** Campagnolo, Donna P  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** Cox, Sophia; Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D  
**Cc:** McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's EO

Hi Sophia. I think you may be right about the As and Gs. I'll check and confirm.

Thanks all.

Donna

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**From:** Cox, Sophia  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:29:44 AM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P  
**Cc:** McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's EO

I think the A and Gs might be done at the Washington district office but I am not 100% sure.

Donna might remember?? There might be some 765 related to their dependents who are students. I'll check the 765 instructions.

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:12:43 AM  
**To:** Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P  
**Cc:** McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's EO

One more thing, the suspension does not apply to This suspension of entry does not apply to those foreign nationals traveling on A-1, A-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO, C-2 or diplomatic type visas, or to issuance of visas in those categories. Do we adjudicate anything related to those visa categories at the centers?

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** Moran, Karla; McConnell, James E; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Thomas, Ronnie D; Campagnolo, Donna P  
**Cc:** McCament, James W; Cox, Sophia  
**Subject:** Friday's EO

Sorry to bother you over the weekend. The President signed an executive order on Friday titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States". Among other things, it prevents the entry of citizens or nationals from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for a 90 day period. I am working with Dan, Andrew, Tracy and Lori on a message to send out this weekend that would suspend certain adjudications while we seek guidance/clarity on how this will specifically apply to our workloads.

Most likely, on Monday we will want to identify any potentially impacted cases in C3 and ELIS. I assume it will be possible to run reports identifying cases with applicants, requestors or beneficiaries from these countries sorted by form type. Does anyone know if we could somehow flag them for hold? Ideally we'd be able to prevent accidental approval, but even if we can't stop approval it would be good to flag them for adjudicators. Also, this isn't an indefinite hold so whatever we do it needs to allow normal processing to proceed fairly easily at some point in the future.

At this point, I'm just looking for thoughts and ideas on how to identify what will be a changing universe of cases and flag them for possible special handling. I'd prefer to keep this among ourselves for now so please check with me before sharing with anyone. Any thoughts or concerns are appreciated.

Thanks,

Don

**From:** McCament, James W  
**To:** Moran, Karla  
**Subject:** FW: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A  
**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:50:39 PM

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KM fyi. Will see you all tomorrow morning.

JM

James W. McCament  
Deputy Associate Director,  
Service Center Operations Directorate  
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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:37:04 PM  
**To:** Valverde, Michael; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Karla Moran.

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**From:** Valverde, Michael  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:38:16 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

We are doing the same. Our folks should talk, probably. Shelley Goodwin is our point. Who is yours?

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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:33:11 PM

**To:** Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Many more than I would have expected. We have folks running reports to see what we have pending in C3 and ELIS for applicants, beneficiaries and requesters from the 7 countries. We should have that Monday afternoon.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:33:44 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Regarding COS and EOS, it occurred to me to wonder to what extent there actually are nonimmigrants from those countries. Numbers aren't huge, but they are there.

For FY 2015 per DHS yearbook, total nonimmigrant admissions for nationals of these countries were:

Iraq, 21,381  
Iran, 35,266  
Libya, 3,879  
Yemen, 5,549  
Sudan, 4,792  
Syria, 16,018  
Somalia, 359

Numbers for the two preceding years were similar. There are also tables further breaking it down by category but I didn't dig into it that deeply.

Phil

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:12:21 PM  
**To:** Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Thanks Don. We will add it.

*Tracy L. Renaud*  
Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Tracy,

I saw the forwarded questions. I would like to add the EOS/COS issue as a corollary to the 1-485 question.

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:33:46 PM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

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The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4:00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

*Tracy L. Renaud*  
Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Oh we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:59:11 PM  
**To:** Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:56:25 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I think that's the case with all benefits within the country, isn't it? The EO says examine benefit processes but the only thing it cuts off is entry into the United States from abroad, as I read it. Is that others' understanding? So if we mention natz, which I am certainly not suggesting we shouldn't, then we probably should expand the item to cover other benefits within the US. Thanks, Phil

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:28 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:35:15 PM  
**To:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Jeff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that we were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

Tracy L. Renaud  
Acting Deputy Director  
(b)(6) US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
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**From:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:26:12 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

+ Angie

OPA just called – they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

One question I could see for us, even though it is somewhat answered in the first question below: Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

Jeff

Jeff Carter  
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:13 PM  
**To:** Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, MoIy and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

*Tracy L. Renaud  
Acting Deputy Director  
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**From:** Ruppel, Joanna  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

These seem to be issues that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel  
Chief, International Operations Division  
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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
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**To:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I simply do not have answers to these questions, so my input would be of no value.

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**From:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:54:54 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L  
**Subject:** FW: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All:

DHS OPA has requested a quick (ASAP) agency clearance on the below.

**From:** Moran, Karla  
**To:** McCament, James W  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A  
**Date:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:58:10 AM

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Ok, sounds good :)  
I promised the boys healthy food. :)  
Last time I said pizza they both gave me the look of death! Lol sheesh who knew?!  
Maybe we can go get them coffee/tea.

See you in a bit.

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**From:** McCament, James W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:50:38 PM  
**To:** Moran, Karla  
**Subject:** FW: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

KM fyi. Will see you all tomorrow morning.

JM

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**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
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Karla Moran.

**From:** Valverde, Michael  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:38:16 PM  
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We are doing the same. Our folks should talk, probably. Shelley Goodwin is our point. Who is yours?

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Many more than I would have expected. We have folks running reports to see what we have pending in C3 and ELIS for applicants, beneficiaries and requesters from the 7 countries. We should have that Monday afternoon.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:33:44 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
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Regarding COS and EOS, it occurred to me to wonder to what extent there actually are nonimmigrants from those countries. Numbers aren't huge, but they are there. For FY 2015 per DHS yearbook, total nonimmigrant admissions for nationals of these countries were:

Iraq, 21,381  
Iran, 35,266  
Libya, 3,879  
Yemen, 5,549  
Sudan, 4,792  
Syria, 16,018  
Somalia, 359

Numbers for the two preceding years were similar. There are also tables further breaking it down by category but I didn't dig into it that deeply.

Phil

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**From:** Renaud, Tracy L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:12:21 PM

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Thanks Don. We will add it.

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Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
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**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Tracy,

I saw the forwarded questions. I would like to add the EOS/COS issue as a corollary to the I-485 question.

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:33:46 PM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All-

The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4:00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

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**From:** Groom, Molly M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03 PM  
**To:** Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Oh we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

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**From:** Scialabba, Lori L  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:59:11 PM  
**To:** Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
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I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

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**From:** Busch, Philip B  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:56:25 PM  
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**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I think that's the case with all benefits within the country, isn't it? The EO says examine benefit processes but the only thing it cuts off is entry into the United States from abroad, as I read it. Is that others' understanding? So if we mention natz, which I am certainly not suggesting we shouldn't, then we probably should expand the item to cover other benefits within the US. Thanks, Phil

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**From:** Renaud, Daniel M  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:28 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final

decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Jeff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that we were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

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Acting Deputy Director  
US Citizenship & Immigration Services  
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**From:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:26:12 PM  
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+ Angie

OPA just called - they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

One question I could see for us, even though it is somewhat answered in the first question below: Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

Jeff

Jeff Carter  
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications

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**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, Molly and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

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**From:** Ruppel, Joanna  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J  
**Cc:** Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M  
**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

These seem to be issues that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel  
Chief, International Operations Division  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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**To:** Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

**From:** Neufeld, Donald W  
**To:** Cox, Sophia; Moran, Karla  
**Subject:** FW: Executive Order  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2017 10:10:47 AM

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** Groom, Molly M; Slattery, Shannon E; Renaud, Daniel M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Busch, Philip B; Kleczek, Marguerite P (Ania)  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Elder, Phillip D; Tynan, Natalie S; Rather, Michael B; Deshommes, Samantha L  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

+ Natalie, Mike and Sam

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Acting Chief  
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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Plus Phil, Ania and Philip

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**From:** Slattery, Shannon E  
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**To:** Levine, Laurence D; Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E  
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+ Lisette Kvortek and Julie Farnam

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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

All – I asked the regs team to give us an idea of the time frames for doing and re-doing forms as well as regs.

For forms, if, for instance, we have to add new vetting questions, OMB approval can be accomplished relatively quickly as an emergency action (compared to the normal process).

Steps and qualifications for emergency OMB approval:

- 1) OP&S division, operational directorates, OCC, and RCD collaborate on the amended form and/or instructions.
- 2) RCD prepares the relevant PRA supporting documents (Supporting Statement, etc.) working with OIDP and Office of Privacy
- 3) Draft a memo justifying the emergent need (e.g., the EO), signed by USCIS CIO and DHS CIO.
- 4) RCD submits the package to OMB. OMB approval under emergency will only be valid for 6 months. To extend the validity of the OMB approval beyond 6 months, RCD would need to publish the 60- and 30-day Notices as normal and then resubmit the package to OMB.

As a side note, the interior enforcement EO took away the Privacy Act protections that the USG had extended to non-citizens (by policy I believe). This change may significantly impact how the Privacy Act is interpreted w/r/t USCIS forms and systems, and may or may not cause changes to our Privacy Threshold Analyses which support the PRA process. We need to get a legal opinion on whether our PTAs, etc. will change because of this, and if we can update the relevant PRA supporting documents as they come up in the queue (i.e. as RCD starts work upon expiration) or if this needs to be implemented immediately (which would be a significant workload).

For regs, the time it took to get the EA rules out from the Nov. 20, 2014 memo are good barometers of the average timeline when there is WH support and it's moving as an emergency action:

- Average of 12-16 months for drafting and publishing an NPRM (but note that there was already some work done on EA before the 11/2014 announcement)
- Average of 6-8 months to review public comments, draft final rule, and publish the final rule.

Caveats: 1) The above assumes a relatively hands-off approach of OGC staff-level attorneys and economists prior to moving to OGC FO, S1 FO, and OMB. Also assumes that the timelines for S1 FO review will be similarly expedited (i.e. a matter of hours wherein the Assistant General Counsel briefs S1 and obtains signature). 2) The "effective date" will largely depend on the speed that our computer systems can be stood up. 3) Also, of course, depends on the number and complexity of public comments received and the continued availability of monetary resources to fund contractor support of our regulatory projects (comment analysis).

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**From:** Levine, Laurence D  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Ok - thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

As of right now, we are holding all applications and petitions from led by individuals from the 7 countries. We did let an N-400 ceremony and an N-600 ceremony go forward yesterday.

We expect today to put out general guidance that the EO does not impact citizenship cases. DHS is reviewing the language. Everything else is on hold.

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

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Trying to get best information.

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**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

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**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. Anyone else hear anything?

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:54:08 PM  
**To:** Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M  
**Cc:** Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S  
**Subject:** RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

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**From:** Walters, Jessica S  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM  
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Thanks very much.

Jessica S. Walters  
Senior Advisor  
Office of the USCIS Deputy Director  
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Subject: FW: Executive Order

FOD will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans.

Daniel M. Renaud  
Associate Director Field Operations Directorate  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
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From: Slattery, Shannon E  
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM  
To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've added columns for QAs and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div. 1.

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference when we're drafting statements. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any specific timeframe mentioned in the EO.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for initial use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing.

Thanks,

Shannon E. Slattery  
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Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming.

Michael Valverde  
DHS USCIS  
Field Operations Directorate, Deputy Associate Director  
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To: Kvortek, Lisette E  
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Subject: FW: Executive Order  
To start and just on this part of the EO:

1. Are the following forms impacted: N-400s, N-336, I-601A, I-131, I-765, N-565, I-130, ...?
2. Should we deschedule oath ceremonies for individuals from the 7?

3. How do we handle N-400s 120+ days from interview?
4. Should we stop RFEs?
5. Should we stop scheduling interviews?

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Cc: McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kliska, Jennifer R; Walters, Jessica S  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
  
Everyone should be compiling a list of all of their questions and getting them to Jess so Lori and I have a complete list. If there are URGENT questions that we need answers to before Monday go ahead and flag those for us but I'm not sure the Department is going to get to us immediately, they are likely dealing with issues at the POEs which have a bit more urgency. I did send the question of whether this impact naturalization or not to the Department in an attempt to get an answer this weekend only because we have oath ceremonies scheduled for Monday.

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Subject: RE: Executive Order

I would also like to flag I-730s. While adjudication does not give status to those outside the US, it does for those inside. Also, since part of the directive is to reviewing to enhance information we collect and screening, we likely will be proposing changes to the I-730 process, to include revisions to the form and the I-730A, which would be completed by the beneficiary. We have mock ups and can move quickly, but need to think first about those in pipeline. Maura has giving directive to staff outside US to cancel pick up document pickups for 730s for next week.

We are working on further guidance and of course will coordinate with SCOP.

State has also issued guidance. Will forward.

Joanna

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Chief, International Operations Division  
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From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:34:17 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others.  
Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM  
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chains. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt/Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM  
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Executive Order  
I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

From: Neufeld, Donald W  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM  
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

From: Renaud, Daniel M  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:47 PM  
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W  
Subject: RE: Executive Order

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

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Department of Homeland Security | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

From: Scialabba, Lori L  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM  
To: Higgins, Jennifer  
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M  
Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI, I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but [REDACTED]

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From: Davidson, Andrew J  
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM  
To: Renaud, Tracy L  
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L  
Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries

of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person.

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Thanks,

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